trade has been showing signs of decline for the last three years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps have since been taken for its improvement; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Festivals of India organised abroad

428. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of the countries where Festivals of India were organised during the last three years and the country-wise 'amount spent by Government on these festivals;

(b) what were the objectives of the festivals and whether these are achieved; j and

(c) what are the names of the countries, where Festivals of India are propo-posed to be organised in the coming three years and the proposed amount to be spent, country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI):

(a) Festivals of India were held in USA and France during 1985-86 and Festival of India in USSR and Indian Manifestation in Sweden are currently being held. The details of the expenditure incurred on these festivals are as nuder;

(i) Festival of India in USA and France (upto 31-3-1986) — Rs. 10,74,09,757. (The final figures are being collected).

(ii) Festival of India in U.S.S.R. (upto 10-11-1987) — Rs. 5,70,26,459. approx.

(iii) Indian Manifestation in Sweden (upto 10-11-1987) — Rs. 45,28,323 ap-prox.

(b) General objectives of the Festivals of India abroad are as under;

(1) To depict Indian Cultural heritage alongwith its contemporary development and achievements.

(2) To open opportunites for mutual exchanges between India and different counrties in various spheres on a more permanent footing.

(3) To serve as a catalyst for industrial, economic development and industrial cooperation.

(4) To promole commercial interest through the various cultural presentations .

(c) A Festival of India in Japan will be held from April to November, 1988. The likely expenditure on this Festival will be Rs. 3.60 crores.

Railway trains from Ghat Kopar in Bombay

429. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment propose to start trains originating and terminating from Ghat Kopar in Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what arc toe reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) to (c) There are two pairs of services originat-inglterminating at Ghatkopar during the morning peak period. It is not possible to terminate more trains during the peak hours at present due to operational limitations.